

**REMARKS**

Claims 2 - 3, 22 - 23 and 25- 26 are pending in the application. Claims 1, and 24 are cancelled without prejudice. Claim 2 has been amended.

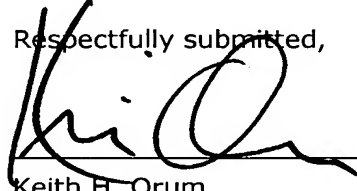
Applicant notes with thanks and appreciation that Claims 2 - 3 and 22 - 23 were found to have allowable subject matter if rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 2 has been amended into independent form to include the limitations of claim 1 from which it depended. Thus, claim 2 is patentable. Claims 3, 22, 23, 25 and 26 depend directly or indirectly from independent claim 2. Thus, Claims 3, 22, 23, 25 and 26 are patentable.

**CONCLUSION**

Applicant asserts that all of the objections have been obviated and, therefore now respectfully requests withdrawal of the objections, and allowance of the application.


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